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U.N. Secretary General — Javier Perez de Cuellar

Firm news received today that the Ethiopian Government fired cannisters of lethal nerve gas against the Eritreans on the afternoon of 15th February at Tirukruk east of Karora on the Sudanese border. Supplies of gas also held by Ethiopian army at Afabet, Asmara and in the south.
Casualties not yet known but survivors suffering from acute poisoning.
On 2nd July, 1980, your predecessor assured me that the United Nations was going to investiget the transfer of lethal nerve gas from the Soviet Union to the Ethiopian army in Eritrea.
I urge you most strongly to take urgent steps to stop this genocide of the Eritrean people and to send an investigating team to Eritrea immediately.

Salem Azzam
Secretary Gen.

~~Islamic Governments/Embassies~~ Chad

News received to day that the Ethiopian army fired shells containing lethal nerve gas against the Eritreas at Tirukruk near Karora on the Sudanese border on the afternoon of 15th February. Casualties not yet known but survivors have symptons of acute poisoning. The Ethiopian army has further supplies of gases in Asmara, Afabet and southern Eritrea.
We urge you for humanitarian reasons to protest against the use of this gas, ~~and~~ to ask the United Nations to investigate the matter immediately and to ask the Ethiopian government to desist from their genocidal policies in accordance with Resolution A/35/419 of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on 17th May 1980 ~~27th August, 1980.~~

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